

HARNETT COUNTY PROFILE: 2008-09

Population Statistics

Total Projected 2009 Population (1/2).....56,501¹
 Population Growth, 2000 to 2007.....20.5%¹ Percentage Municipal Population....23%²

What is the impact of poverty in the 34 counties served by the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina? A higher infant mortality rate, children who can't learn in school because they are hungry, adults who die before their time because they eat cheaper, high fat foods instead of healthier, often more costly options, and frail elders who make do with a can of beans because they can't afford their medication and food, too.

Federal poverty guidelines do not cover today's cost of living; they simply provide a baseline means of existence with a very real risk of hunger. A single person with an income of \$10,000 or less or a family of four with an income of \$21,000 or less annually meet the criteria for poverty. On these incomes, hunger becomes more than a risk...it often becomes a reality. The Food Bank helps these folks, who are at risk of hunger every day.

THE NEED:

POVERTY

No. People Living at/Below Poverty Level: 9,266³

Percentage of Population Living in Poverty: 16.4%⁴

Individuals >65 Living in Poverty: 686⁵

Individuals 18 to 64 Living in Poverty: 4,939⁵

Children 0 to 17 Living in Poverty: 3,586⁵

Percentage of Children Living in Poverty: 38.7

HUNGER⁶

No. Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunches: 9,915

Percentage of Children Receiving Reduced/Free Lunches: 53%

UNEMPLOYMENT⁷

Percentage Aug. 2008 Unemployment: 7.2%

Percentage Aug. 2009 Unemployment: 11.3%

FOOD STAMP PARTICIPATION⁸

Number Served Jan. 2008: 11,634

Number Served Sept. 2009: 16,462

Percent of Eligible Served Sept. 2009: 88.1%

ADDRESSING NEEDS:

Total Pounds Of Food Distributed Annually in our 34 Counties: 36.8 mil. Lbs.

Total Pounds Of Food Distributed in This County: 1,138,789 lbs.

Value of Food Distributed: \$226,234

Pounds Per Person Distributed: 128.9 lbs.

Per-Pound Cost of Distributing Food: 20¢

Harnett Households Served: 135,428⁹
Harnett Individuals Served: 391,347

For Every Dollar Donated, How Much is Spent on Food Distribution: 97¢

Our Partner Agencies: See back page.

Major Local Food Donors: wholesalers, retailers, and grocery chains such as Food Lion, Harris-Teeter, Lowe's Foods, Kroger Stores, Wal-Mart

¹Projected 2009 NC population by County, NC Office of State Budget & Management; ²2008 County Municipal Totals, NC Office of State Management & Budget; ³Total Projected 2009 Population x Percentage of Population Living in Poverty; ⁴US Census 2006 American Community Survey (SF -1, SF-3); ⁵Total of Individuals >65, Individuals 18-64 & Children 0-17 Living in Poverty, 2004, 2006 American Community Survey; ⁶Free & reduced Lunch Application Data by Site, Child Nutrition Services, NC Department of Public Instruction; ⁷2008, 2009 Civilian Labor Force Estimates for NC Counties, NC Employment Security Commission; ⁸NC Food & Nutrition Services Participation Report, DSS Performance Management Reporting & Evaluation Management, NC Department of Health & Human Services; ⁹Households/individuals served 1 or more times as reported by partner agencies

Harnett Community Partner Agencies

Alpha & Omega

Angier Area Food Pantry

Calvary Missionary Methodist Church

Deliverance Church

Elmore Blackley Fellowship Home

Glad Tiding Church, Inc.

Johnsonville AME Zion

Recruiters for Christ Church, Inc.

S.A.F.E. of Harnett County

The Rising Sun Church of Christ

Think Smart Outreach Center (Kids Cafe)